

# From the Upper Chamber



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## Report for Tuesday, January 9, 2007

The second day of the 2007 legislative session was called to order by Lieutenant Governor **Casey Cagle**.

Senator **Don Balfour** of the 9<sup>th</sup> stated that the journal had been read and was found to be correct.

Senate Bills 15 and 17-19, and Senate Resolution 20 were then read for the first time and assigned to committees.

Following the morning roll call, Lt. Gov. **Cagle** led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then introduced the *Chaplain of the Day*, Dr. **William L. Sheals** of Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church in Norcross, who led the Senate in the daily devotional.

Lt. Gov. **Cagle** then recognized former Senators **Don Cheeks** and **Mike Crotts** on the floor of the Senate.

Lt. Gov. **Cagle** greeted the Senate and welcomed members to the 2007 session. He also introduced former Dean of the State Senate, Sen. **Terrell Starr**. Lt. Gov. **Cagle** then introduced the new staff members of the Office of Lieutenant Governor.

There were no unanimous consents.

Sen. **Balfour** rose on a Point of Personal Privilege to speak on the recent passing of his father, Reverend **Donald K. Balfour**. The Senate stood for a moment of silence to honor Sen. **Balfour**'s father.

Sen. **Jack Hill** of the 4<sup>th</sup> took the well on a Point of Personal Privilege to encourage members to contribute to the Senate flower fund.

Sen. **Judson Hill** of the 32<sup>nd</sup> took the well on a Point of Personal Privilege to welcome members to the 2007 session, including Lt. Gov. **Cagle**.

Minority Leader **Robert Brown** of the 26<sup>th</sup> took the well on a Point of Personal Privilege to commend Lt. Gov. **Cagle**'s efforts to further move the Senate in a bipartisan direction.

SR 10-19 were read and adopted.

Sen. **Greg Goggans** of the 7<sup>th</sup> then introduced the *Doctor of the Day*, Dr. **William Clark** of Waycross.

The Secretary read House Resolution 10, calling a joint session of the House of Representatives and the Senate for the purpose of hearing Gov. **Sonny Perdue**'s State of the State address.

HR 10 was adopted by a vote of 40 to 0.

Lt. Gov. **Cagle** then appointed a Committee of Escort, consisting of Sens. **Eric Johnson** of the 1<sup>st</sup>, **Tommie Williams** of the 19<sup>th</sup>, **Brown**, **David Adelman** of the 42<sup>nd</sup>, **Dan Moody** of the 56<sup>th</sup> and **Tim Golden** of the 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Secretary read House Resolution 11, which is relative to the adjournment schedule of the Senate.

Majority Leader **Williams** took the well to speak to the upcoming schedule of the Senate.

HR 11 was adopted by a vote of 46 to 0.

Following the announcements, Majority Leader **Williams** moved to stand adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 10.

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